Please amend the present application as follows:

#### <u>Claims</u>

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("\_\_\_\_") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("\_\_\_\_") or brackets ("[[ ]]"), as is applicable:

1. (Currently amended) A method for collecting data regarding a messaging session, the method comprising:

intercepting an incoming message sent to a first network service;

writing session information <u>relevant to the incoming message</u> to a thread-local variable; <del>and</del>

providing the incoming message to an associated system component the first network service;

sending an outgoing message from the network service to a second network service or a client;

intercepting the outgoing message sent by the first network service;

performing a thread-local variable lookup so as to retrieve the session information written to the thread-local variable;

instrumenting the outgoing message with the session information; and providing the instrumented outgoing message to the second network service or client.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein intercepting an incoming message comprises intercepting an extensible markup language (XML) message wrapped in a simple object access protocol (SOAP) envelope.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein intercepting an incoming message comprises intercepting a service request.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein intercepting an incoming message comprises intercepting a service response.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein writing session information to a thread-local variable comprises writing at least a session identification to the thread-local variable.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein writing session information to a thread-local variable comprises writing at least one of a session identification, a source name of the sender of the message, a message type, a destination name of the intended recipient, and a message received time.

# 7. (Canceled)

- 8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7 1, wherein writing session information to a thread-local variable comprises writing session information to a thread-local variable using a simple object access protocol (SOAP) message handler.
- 9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing session information data regarding the incoming message in a database.
  - 10. (Canceled)
- 11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 40 1, further comprising storing session data regarding the outgoing message to a database.
  - 12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A system for collecting data regarding a messaging session, the system comprising:

means for intercepting an incoming message sent to a network service;

means for identifying session information attached to the incoming message;

means for writing session information relevant to the incoming message to a thread-local variable; and

means for providing the incoming message to an associated system component means for intercepting an outgoing message sent by the network service;

means for performing a thread-local variable lookup so as to retrieve the session

information written to the thread-local variable; and

means for instrumenting the outgoing message with the session information.

- 14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the means for writing session information to a thread-local variable comprise means for writing at least a session identification to the thread-local variable.
- 15. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the means for writing session information to a thread-local variable comprise a message handler.
- 16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the message handler comprises a simple object access protocol (SOAP) message handler.

17. (Currently amended) The system of claim 13, further comprising means for storing session information data regarding the incoming message.

## 18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) The system of claim 48 13, further comprising means for storing session data regarding the outgoing message.

## 20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A <u>physical computer-readable medium that stores a</u> system for collecting data regarding a messaging session, the system comprising:

logic configured to intercept an incoming message directed at a system component network service;

logic configured to identify session information attached to the incoming message; and

logic configured to write session information <u>relevant to the incoming message</u> to a thread-local variable;

logic configured to intercept an outgoing message sent by the network service;

logic configured to perform a thread-local variable lookup so as to retrieve the session information written to the thread-local variable; and

logic configured to instrument the outgoing message with the session information.

22. (Currently amended) The system computer-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the logic configured to write session information to a thread-local variable comprises logic configured to write at least a session identification to the thread-local variable.

23. (Currently amended) The system computer-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the logic configured to write session information to a thread-local variable comprises a message handler.

24. (Currently amended) The system computer-readable medium of claim 23, wherein the message handler comprises a simple object access protocol (SOAP) message handler.

25. (Currently amended) The system computer-readable medium of claim 21, further comprising logic configured to store session information data regarding the incoming message in a database and logic configured to store session data regarding the outgoing message in the database.

26-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended) A <u>physical computer-readable medium that stores a</u> message handler <del>stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:</del>

logic configured to intercept an incoming message directed at a system component network service;

logic configured to identify session information attached to the incoming message;

logic configured to store information at least concerning the arrival time of the incoming message in a database;

logic configured to write the session information relevant to the incoming message to a thread-local variable; and

logic configured to provide the incoming message to the system component network service for processing.

29-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently amended) A <u>physical computer-readable medium that stores a</u> message handler <del>stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:</del>

logic configured to intercept an outgoing message directed at a system component network service;

logic configured to store information at least concerning the send time of the outgoing message in a database;

logic configured to perform a thread-local variable lookup to receive session information pertinent to the outgoing message;

logic configured to instrument the outgoing message with session information; and

logic configured to forward the outgoing message to the system component from the network service.

33-35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently amended) A network-service web server, comprising:

#### a processor; and

memory that includes logic configured to process requests sent from a client; a first message handler including logic configured to intercept an incoming message directed at the network service web server and logic configured to write session information to a thread-local variable; and a second message handler including logic configured to intercept an outgoing message sent by the network service web server and

logic configured to perform a thread-local variable lookup to receive session information pertinent to the outgoing message.